

appeal; to clarify the meaning of the term "election" for purposes of the thirty-day residence requirement for voting; to respond to the decision of the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in North Carolina Right to Life v. Leake; to replace the twenty-one-day contribution embargo in the judicial public campaign program with an expedited release of matching funds; to exempt certain sales of goods or services by political party executive committees from certain contribution requirements; to require all treasurers to report according to the municipal campaign reporting schedule if their candidates or committees participate in municipal elections; to prohibit co-mingling of campaign funds; to require that new-party candidates be registered with the party; to amend the reporting requirements for matching funds in public financing programs; to limit the prohibition in the electioneering communications statutes; and to require forty-eight-hour reports for any contribution of late contributions of more than one thousand dollars, regardless of the source; and to make related changes.” The bill was sponsored by Sen. Martin Nesbitt (D-Buncombe). The law becomes effective upon the governor’s signature.

Senate Bill 1407, “An act to protect customers when purchasing tickets via the Internet and to prohibit the use of software to unfairly purchase tickets over the Internet.” The bill was sponsored by Sen. Fletcher Hartsell (R-Iredell). The law goes into effect Aug. 1, 2008.

Senate Bill 1651, “AN ACT to amend the revised Anatomical Gift Act and other sections of the General Statutes for consistency, as recommended by the General Statutes Commission, and to lower the minimum age for donating blood from seventeen to sixteen.” The bill was sponsored by Fletcher Hartsell (R-Iredell). The law goes into effect upon the governor’s signature.

Senate Bill 1681, “An act to require state-controlled passenger-carrying vehicles to be smoke-free; and to authorize local governments to require local government-controlled vehicles to be smoke-free, as recommended by the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force.” The bill was sponsored by Sen. William Purcell (D-Scotland). The new law becomes effective. Jan. 1, 2009.

Senate Bill 1716, “An act to clarify the distribution of supplemental PEG support funding and to clarify that the service area of a city includes any area subsequently annexed by that city.” The bill was sponsored by Sen. Dan Clodfelter (D-Mecklenburg). The law becomes effective upon the governor’s signature.

Senate Bill 1800, “An act to amend the definitions of "hazardous materials" and "state" under North Carolina's motor vehicle laws in order to comply with federal law, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee; to allow certain natural gas utility employees and contractors to use all-terrain vehicles on public highways while acting in the course and scope of their employment; and to amend the Motor Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers License Law governing the location of additional or relocated new motor vehicle dealers. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Clark Jenkins (D-Nash). It becomes effective upon the governor’s signature.

Senate Bill 1852, “An act to resolve problems with applying property tax to heavy equipment rented on a short-term basis by replacing the property tax on this equipment with a tax on the gross receipts